**Agenda – Council – October 28, 2015**

**Report – Executive Policy Committee – October 14, 2015**

**Item No. 4 The Francophone and Francophile Cities Network**

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 14, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council Motion of September 30, 2015, as amended, and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg join The Francophone and Francophile Cities Network in order to capitalize on the opportunities afforded a city with such a rich francophone heritage and culture, and the matter be reviewed within a year of the City's participation.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 14, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council Motion of September 30, 2015 with the following amendment:

- Add the following words "and the matter be reviewed within a year of the City's participation."

and submitted the matter to Council.

Further on October 14, 2015, Councillor Allard, St. Boniface Ward, provided a YouTube video presentation, titled "Invitation du maire de Québec - Invitation by the Mayor of Québec City", and submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 30, 2015, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has been invited to enroll as a member of a new organization known as The Francophone and Francophile Cities Network;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg is the largest centre of Francophone culture in Western Canada;

AND WHEREAS this new organization will help build relationships with francophone and francophile municipalities across North America;

AND WHEREAS this year, Winnipeg will incur no costs associated with its participation;

AND WHEREAS other bilingual municipalities such as Moncton, New Brunswick and Lafayette, Louisiana are founding members of this organization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg join this exciting new organization in order to capitalize on the opportunities afforded a city with such a rich francophone heritage and culture.